

REMARKS

The examiner considers the application to contain nine inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and requires election of a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Applicants elect without traverse invention 1, comprising claims 1-7 and 26, drawn to a protein having activity of degrading a dsRNA and composition comprising said protein having activity of degrading a dsRNA and a protein having an activity of binding to a nucleic acid.

It is understood however that upon an elected product claim(s) being subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim(s) will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP 821.04.

Favorable consideration and early allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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